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### Europe's Outermost Regions: Perceptions and Challenges

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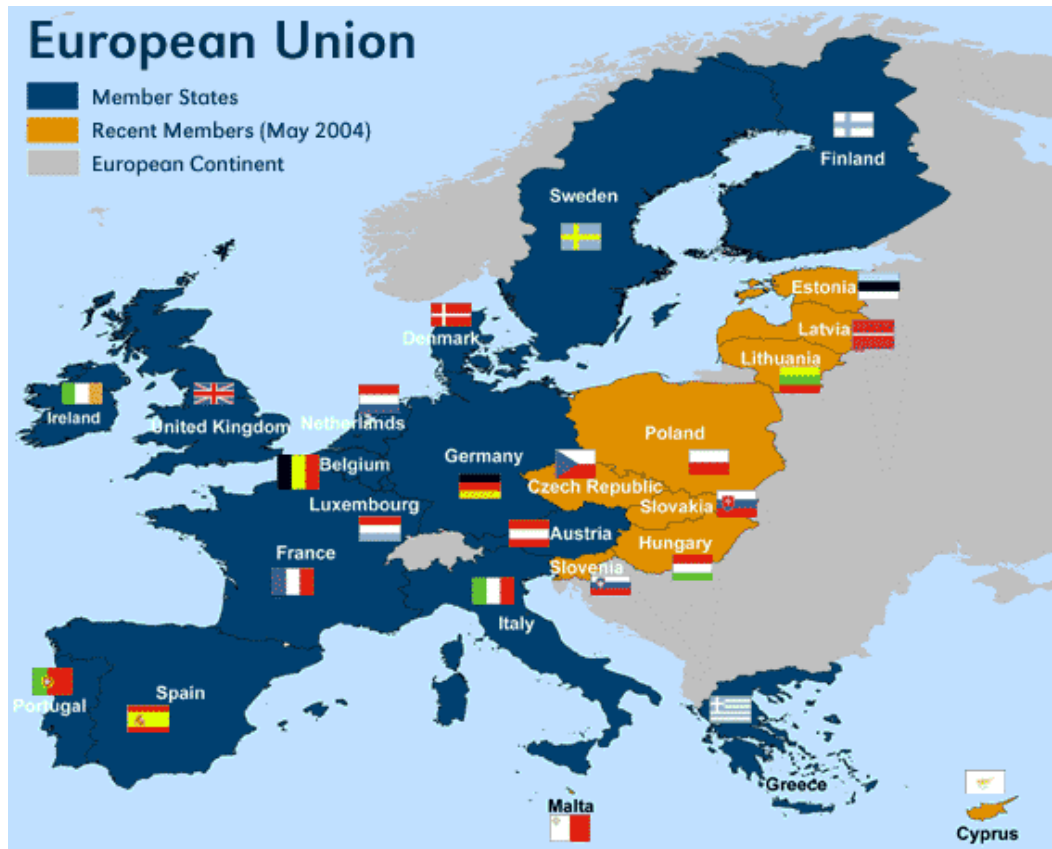
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## EU Overseas Countries and Territories (OCT) and Outermost Regions (OMR)



9 areas characterized by geographical remoteness but also by strategic location

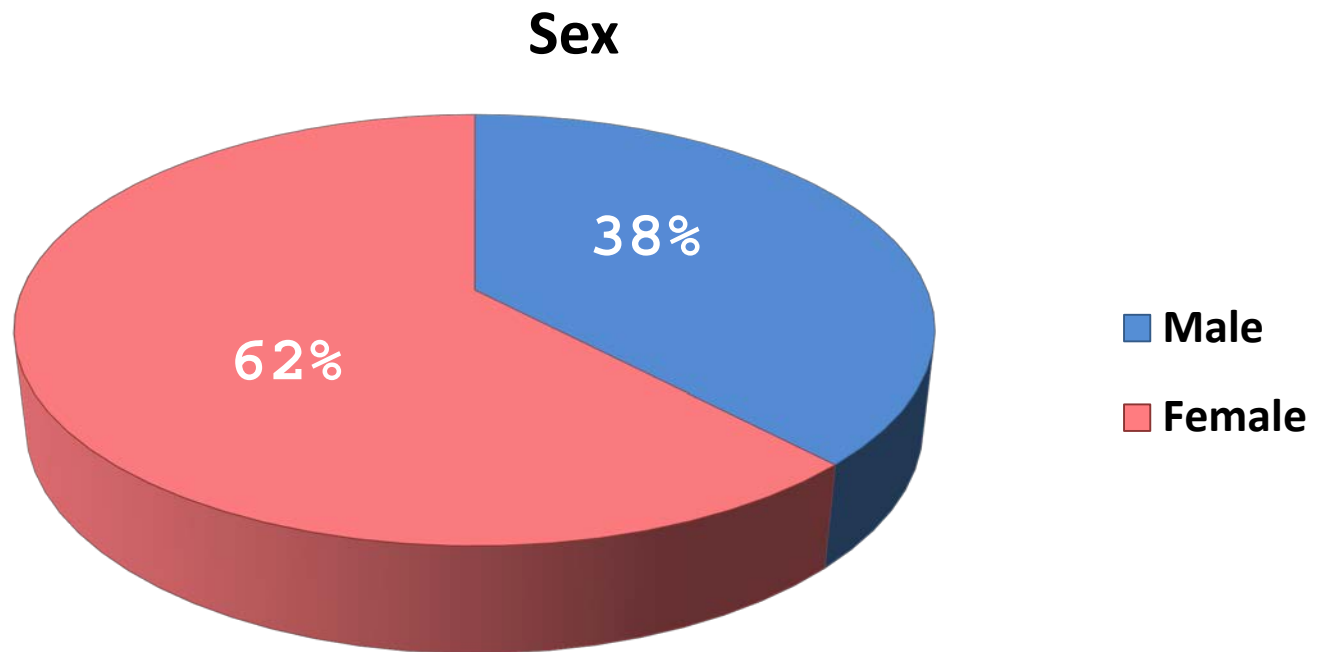


remoteness, insularity, small size,  
 difficult topography, dependent by  
 EU funding for infrastructure  
 The first Schengen country, isolated  
 by the others

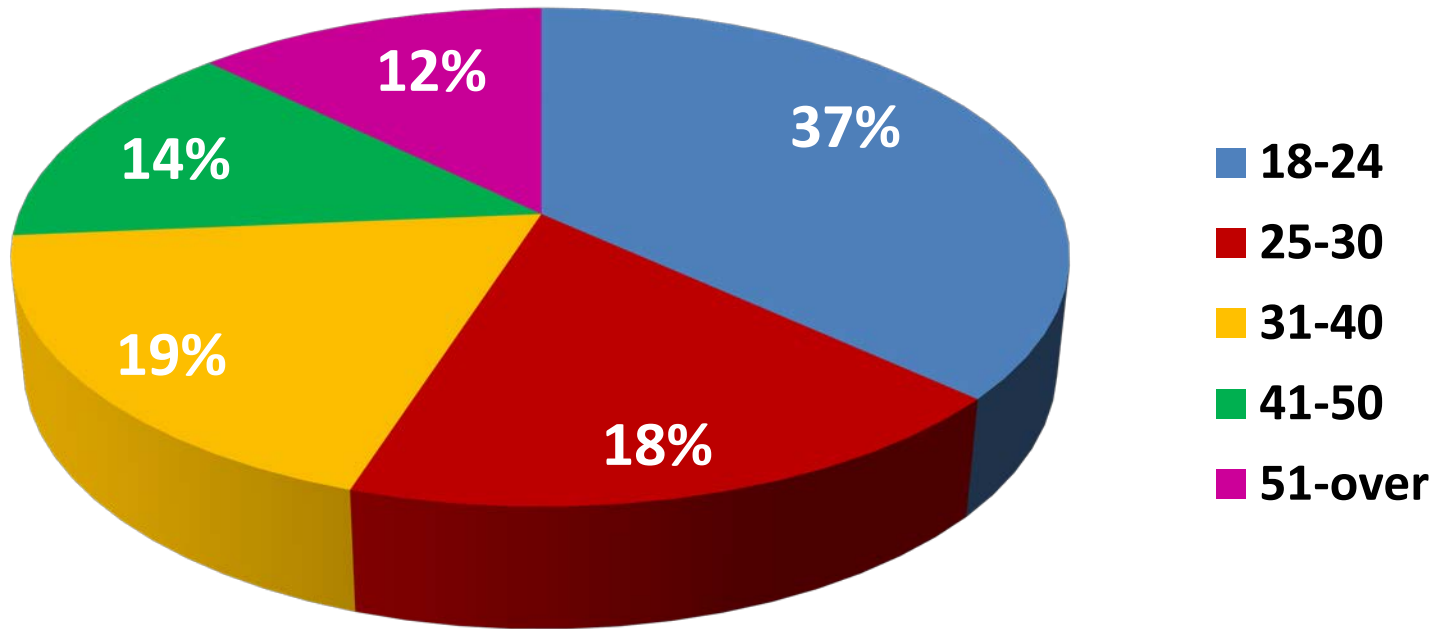
# European identity(ies)

- Integration include “a sense of community” (Deutsche, 1953; Risse, 2005)
- If we share a common vision for EU, then we should know each other
- Do we?
- Research via a questionnaire to explore Greeks Europe's Outermost Regions awareness

N=186 persons  
Questionnaires  
Via facebook/google form

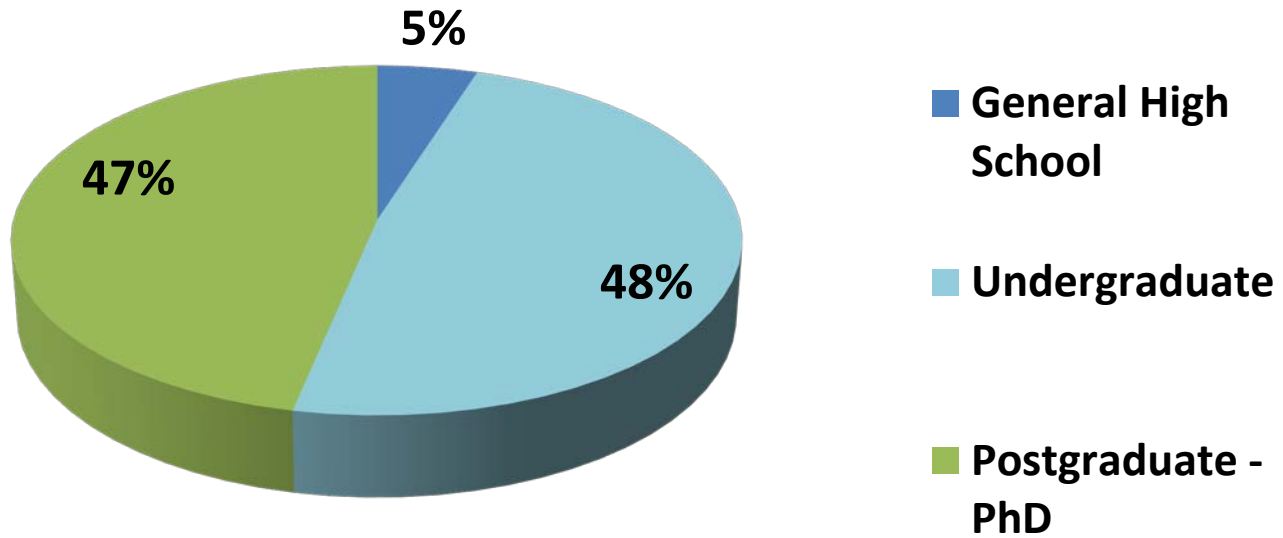


## Age

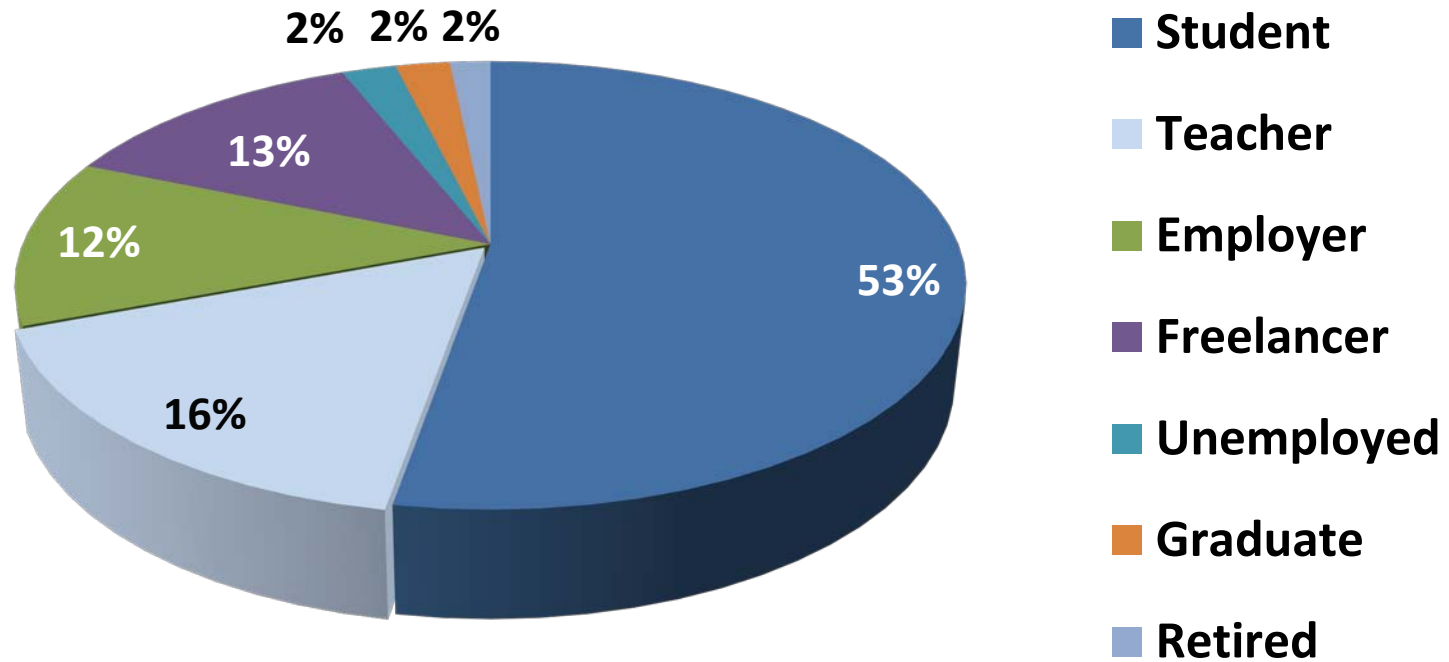


Almost half of them are from 18-30 years old

## Level of Education



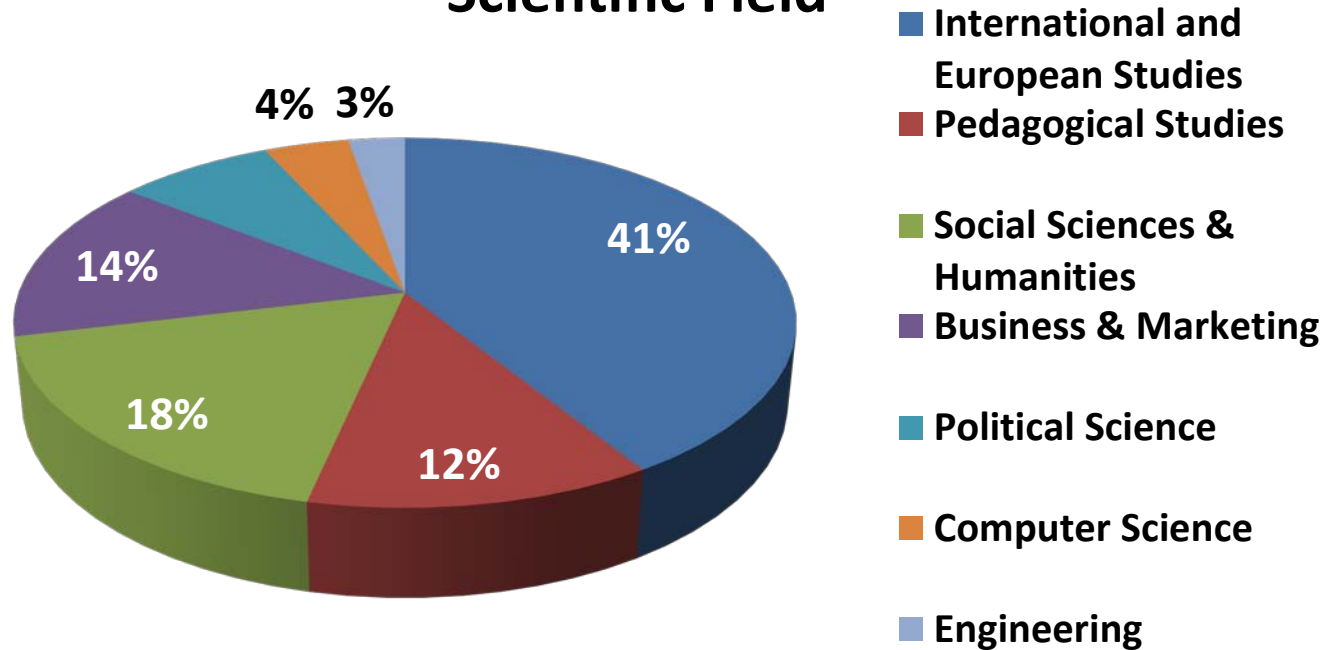
## What is your job?



Most of them are students and school teachers

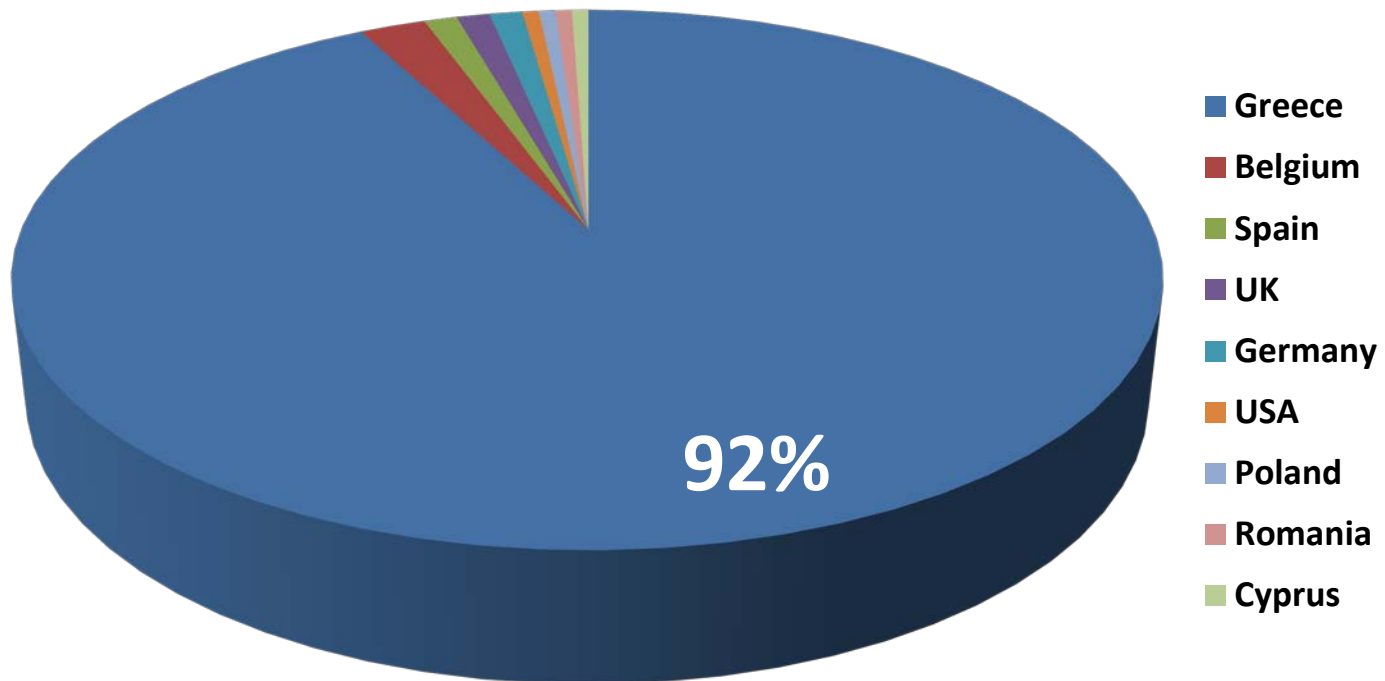


## Scientific Field

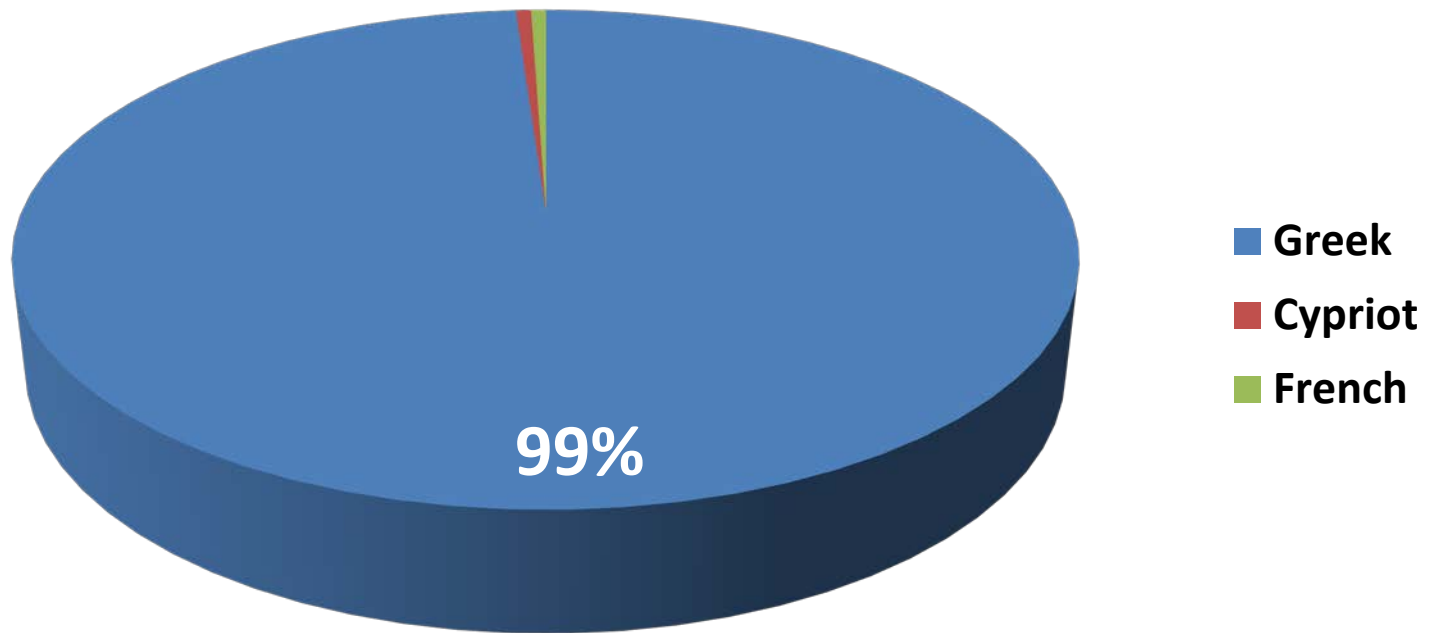


Respectively most of them study or have studied Political Sciences, focusing in International and European Studies or Pedagogical studies

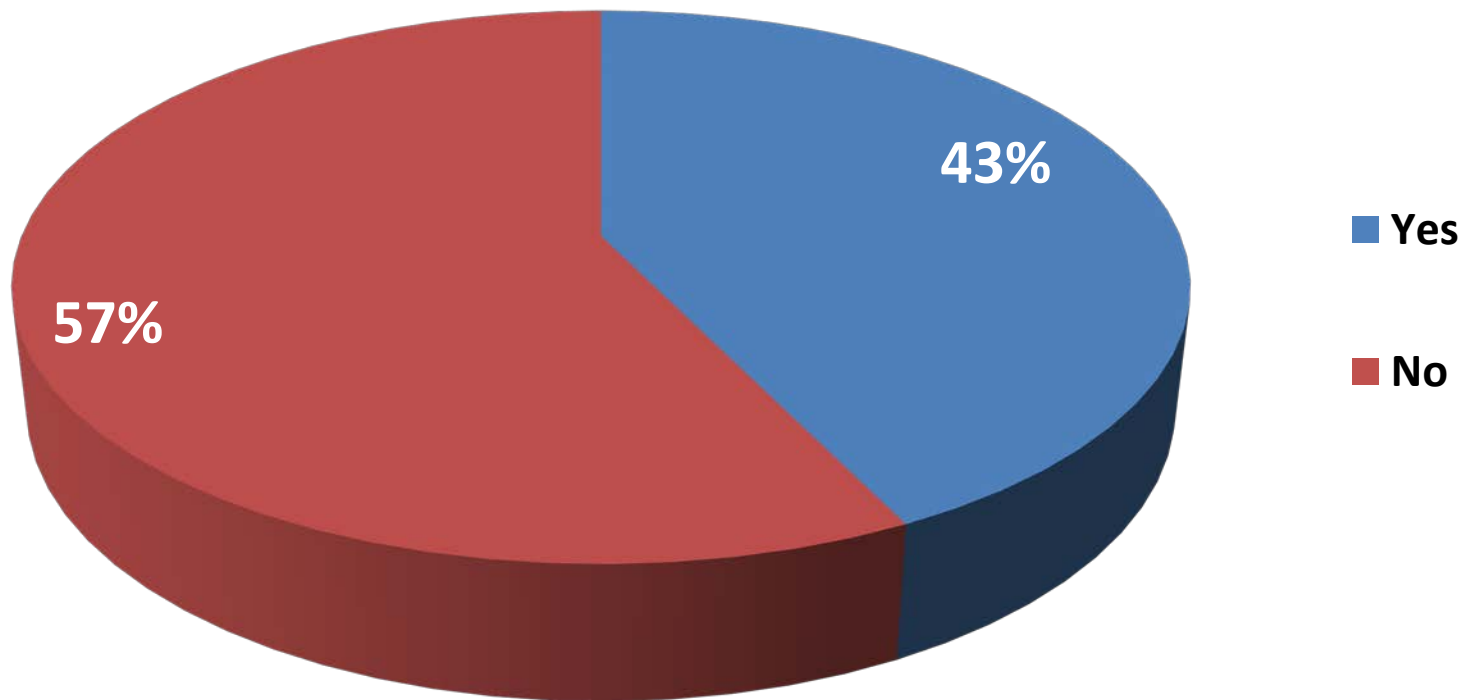
## Place of Residence



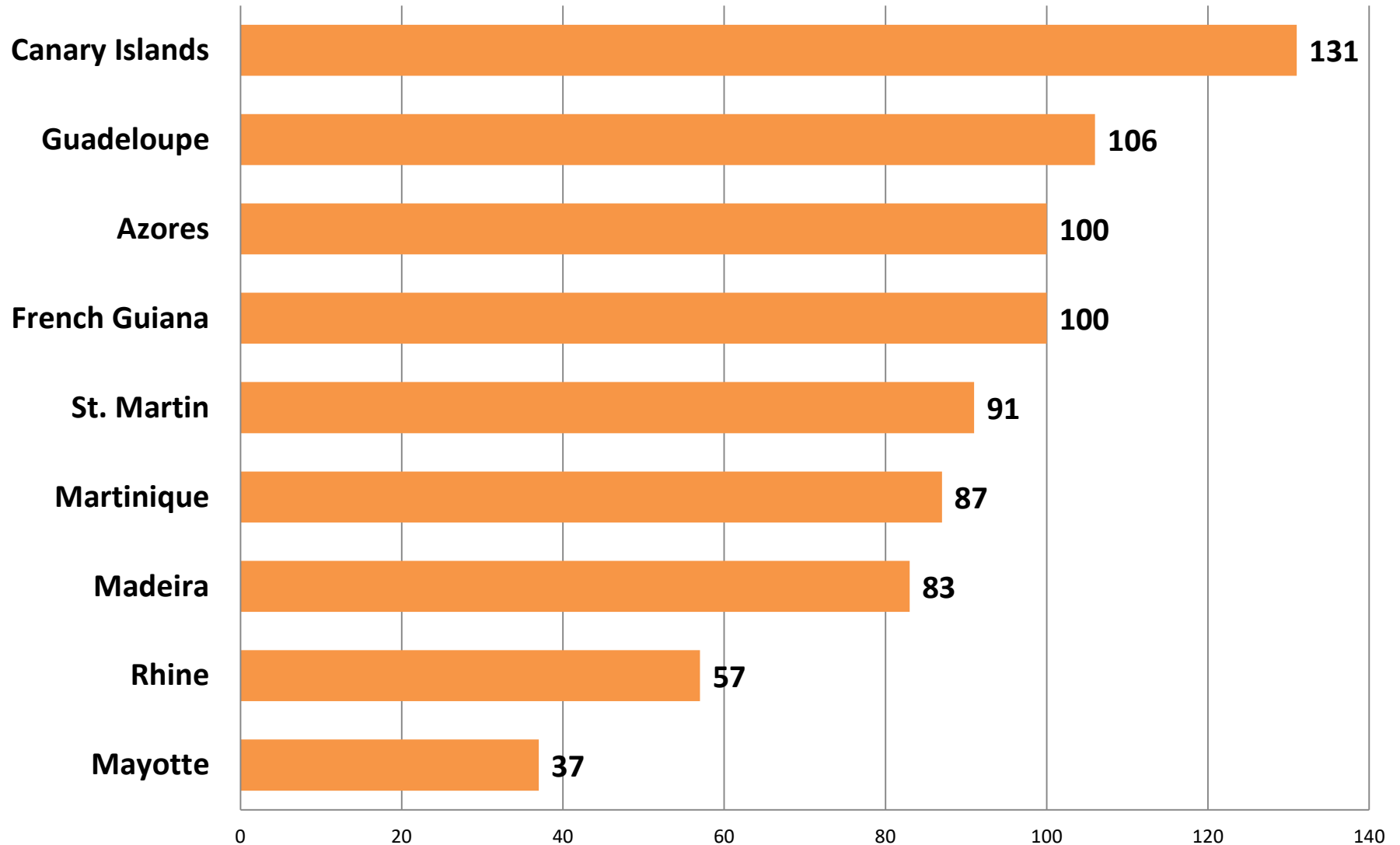
## Nationality



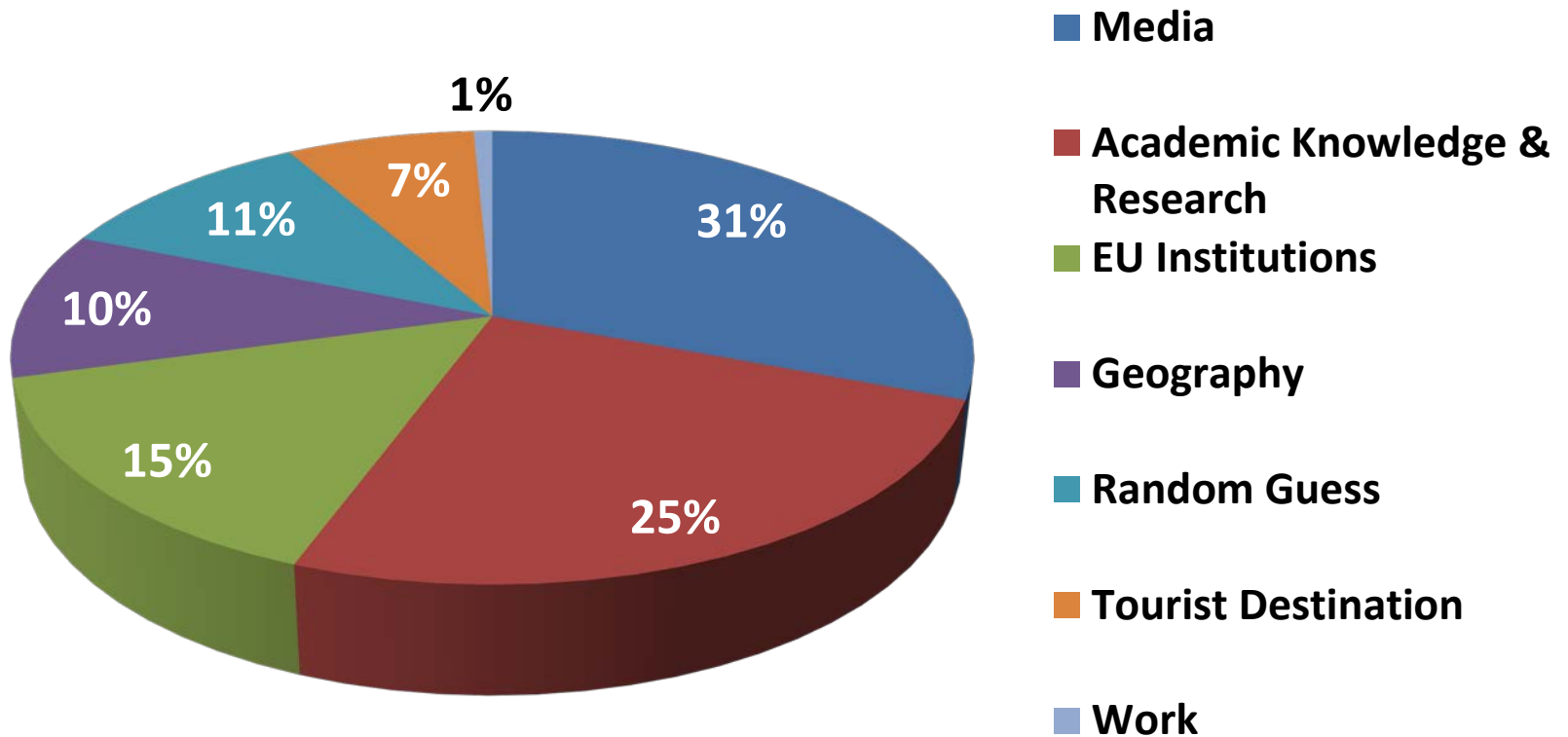
**Do you know the term "Outermost European Regions" (ORs)?**



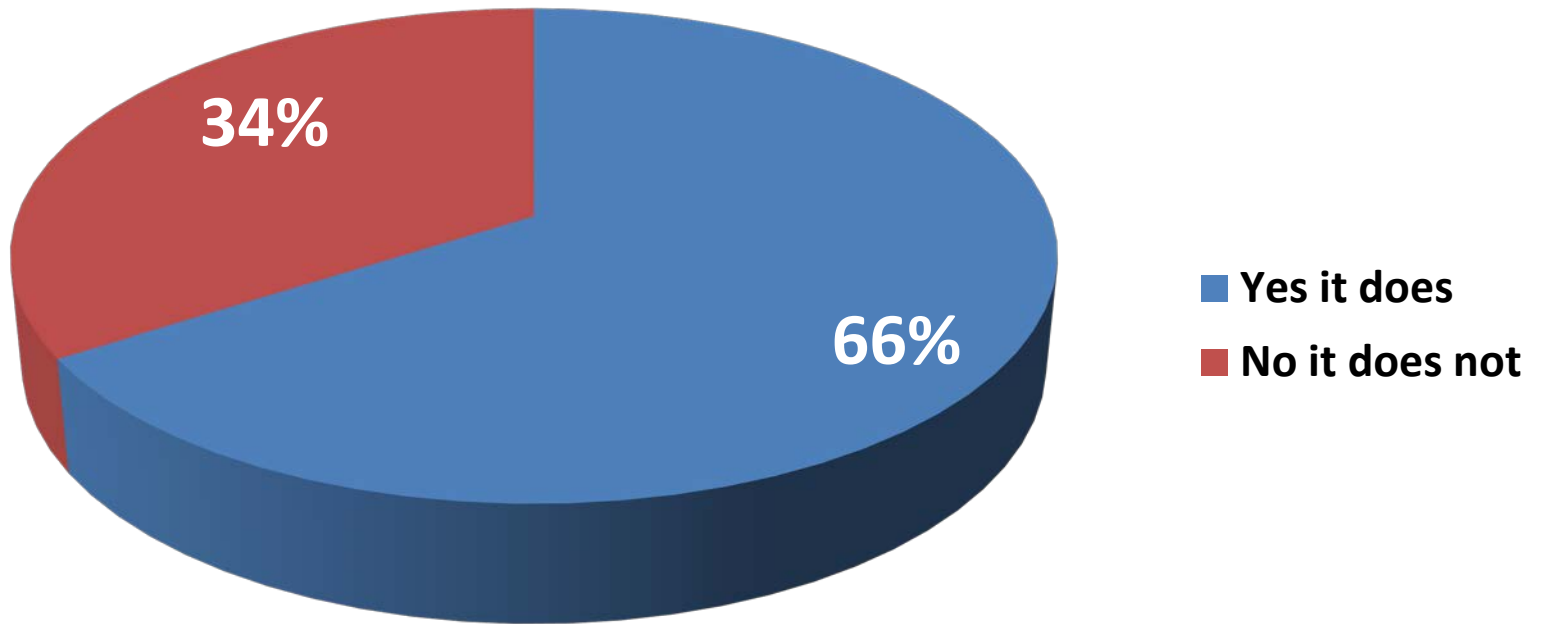
# Which of the following areas, which are among the "Outermost European Regions", do you know?



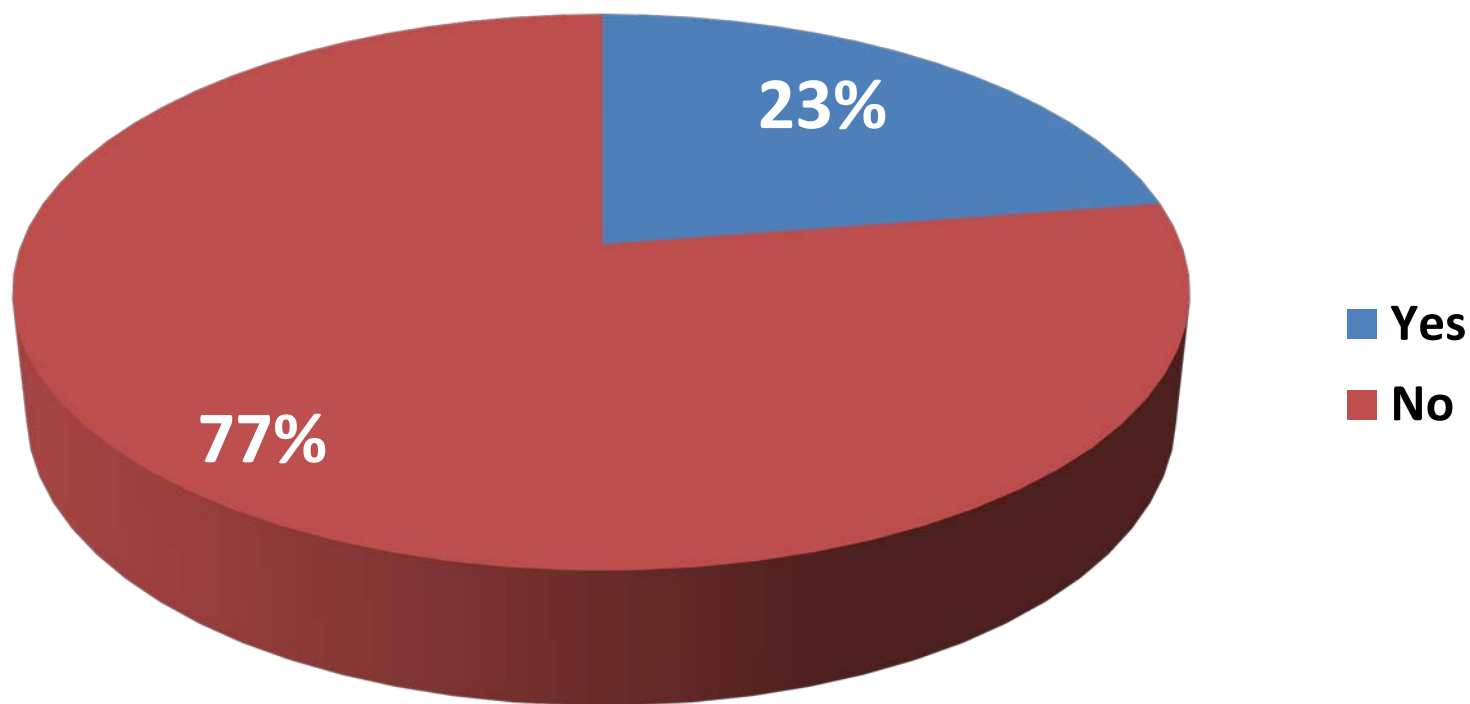
**Please indicate how you have been informed about each of them**



**Do you know whether the European acquis  
applies to these areas?**

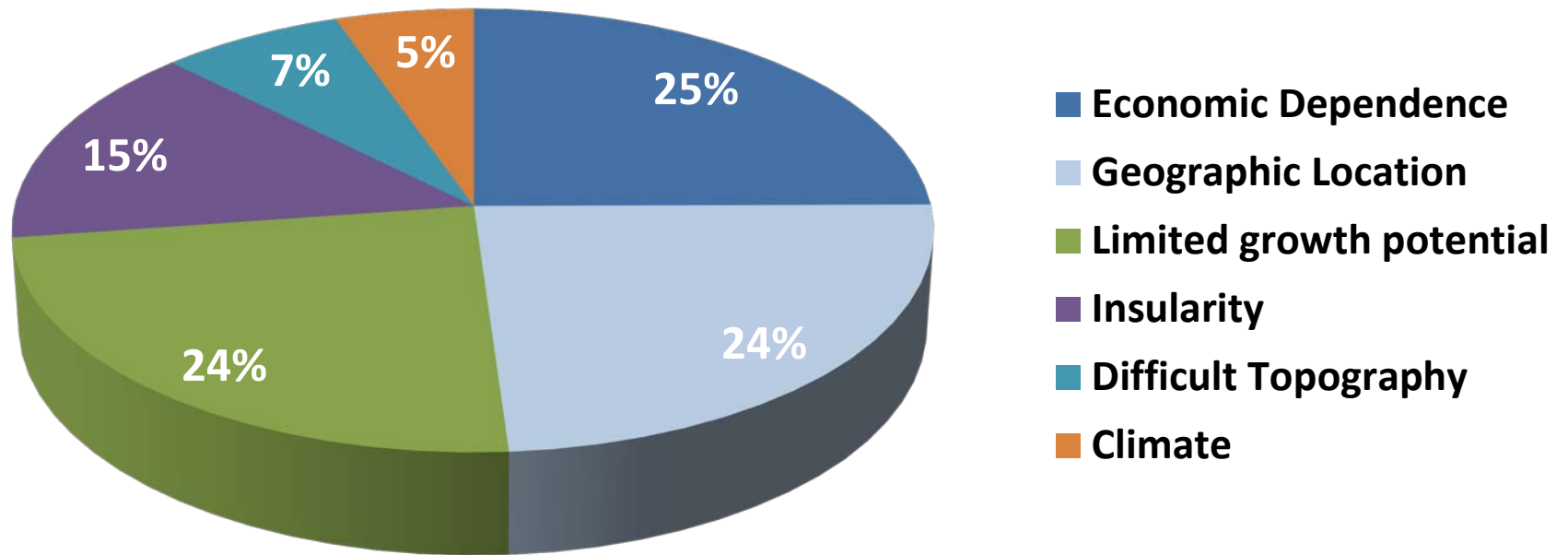


**Do you know if there is a special treatment for these areas by the EU?**

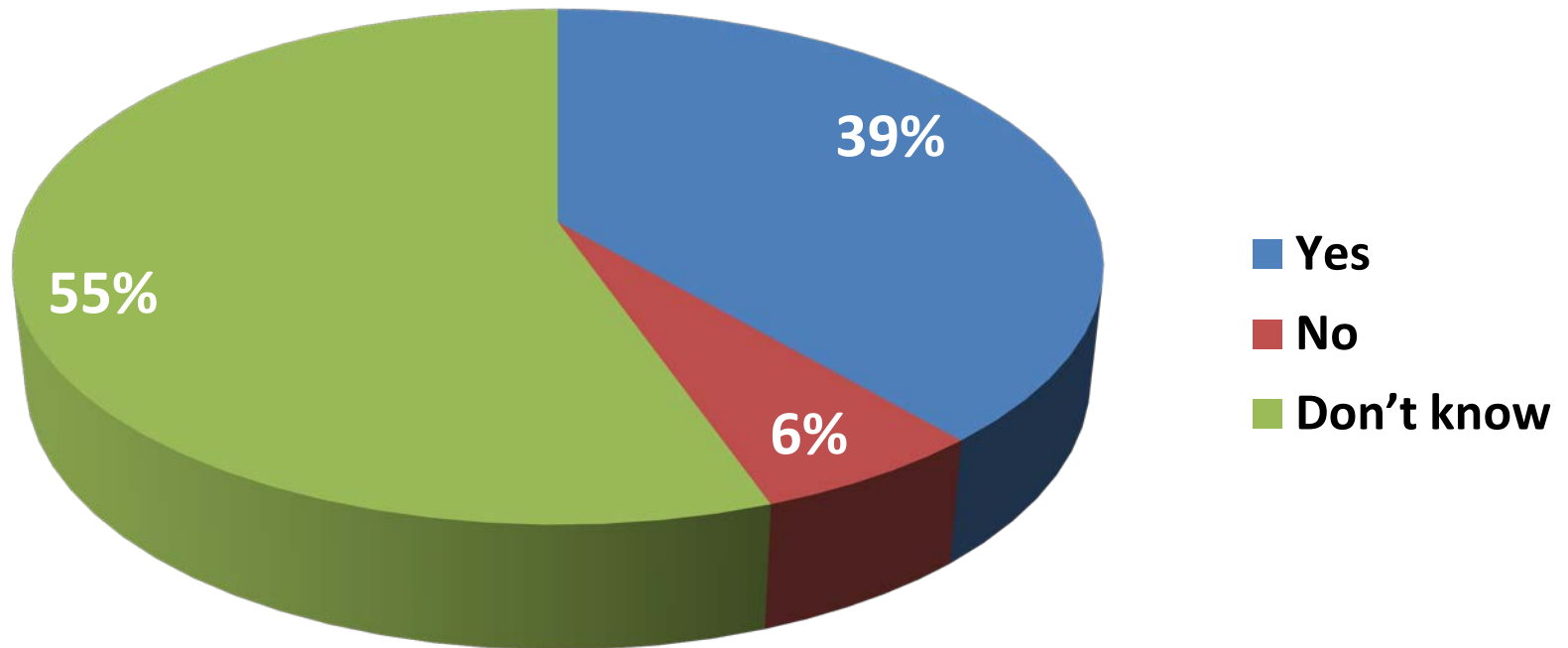




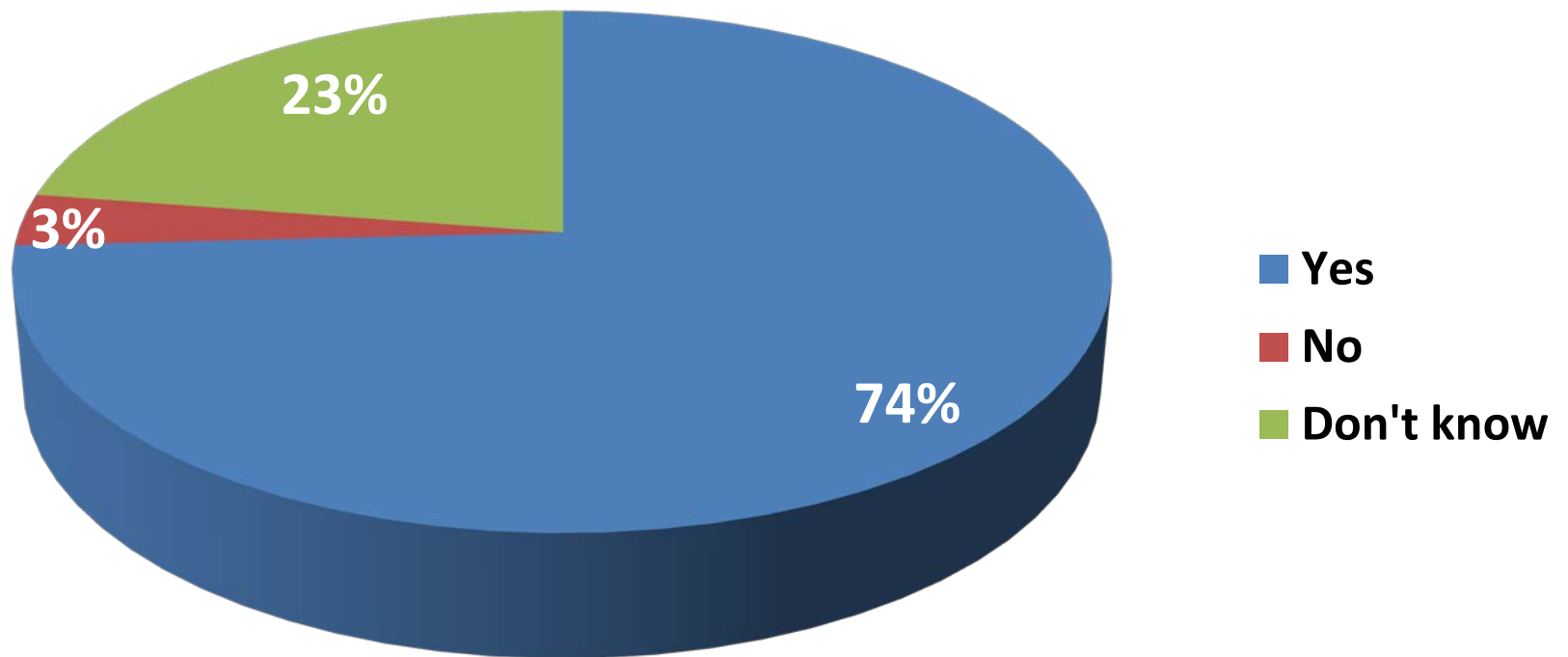
## Which are the main problems that these areas face?



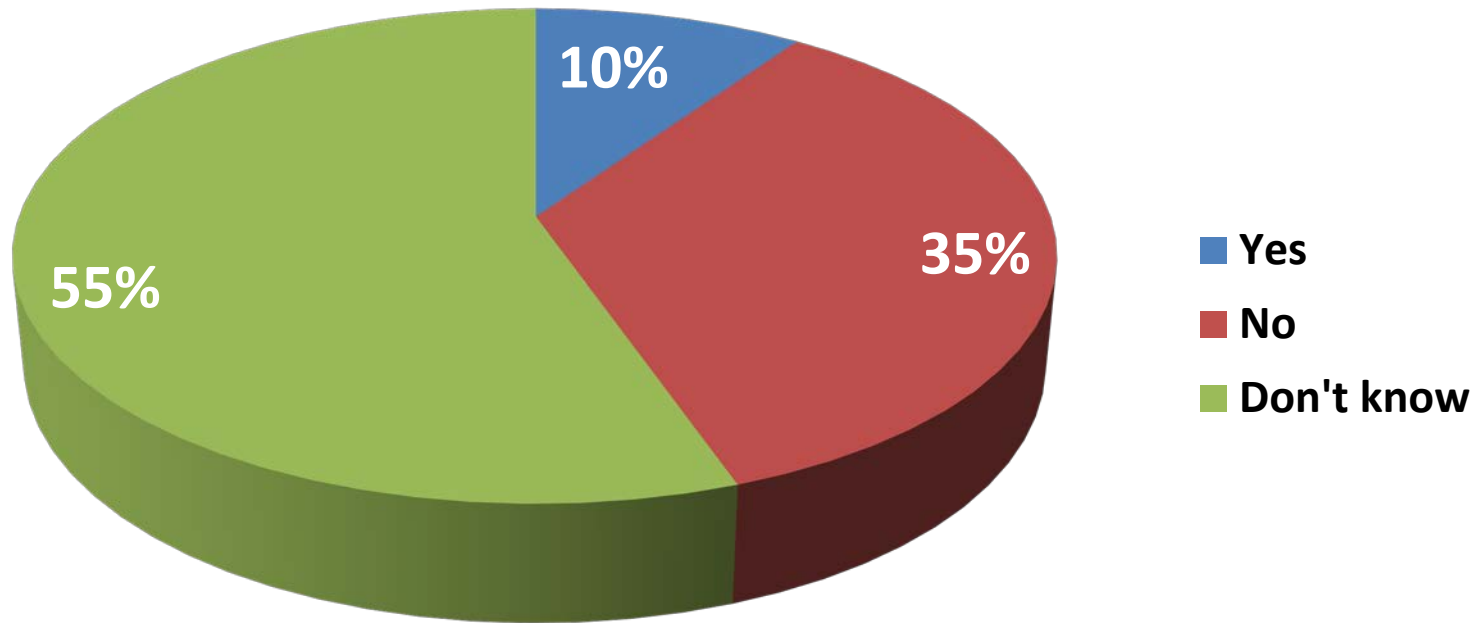
**Do you think that these areas, despite the difficulties they face, contribute positively to the EU?**



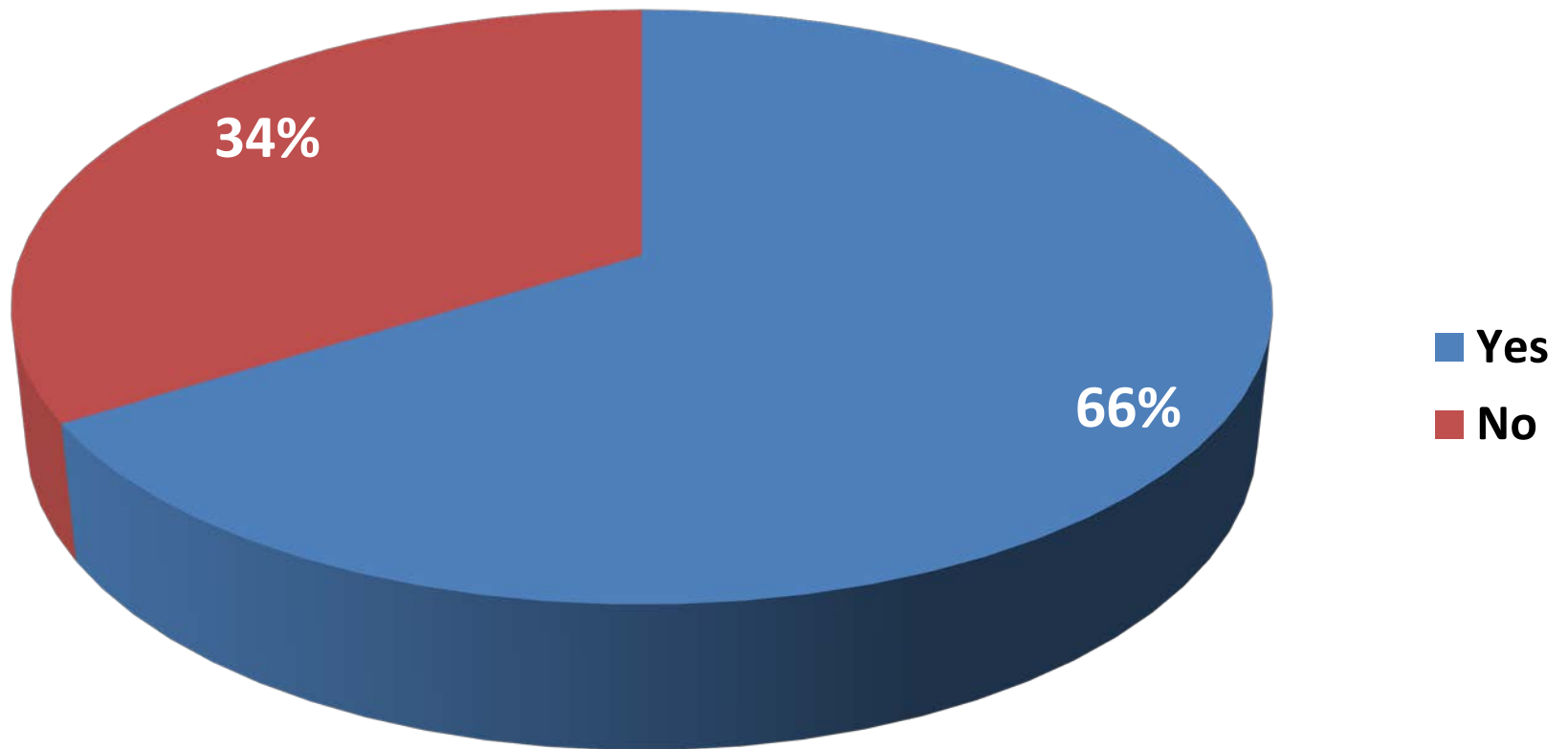
**Do you think it is beneficial for the EU to invest in these regions?**



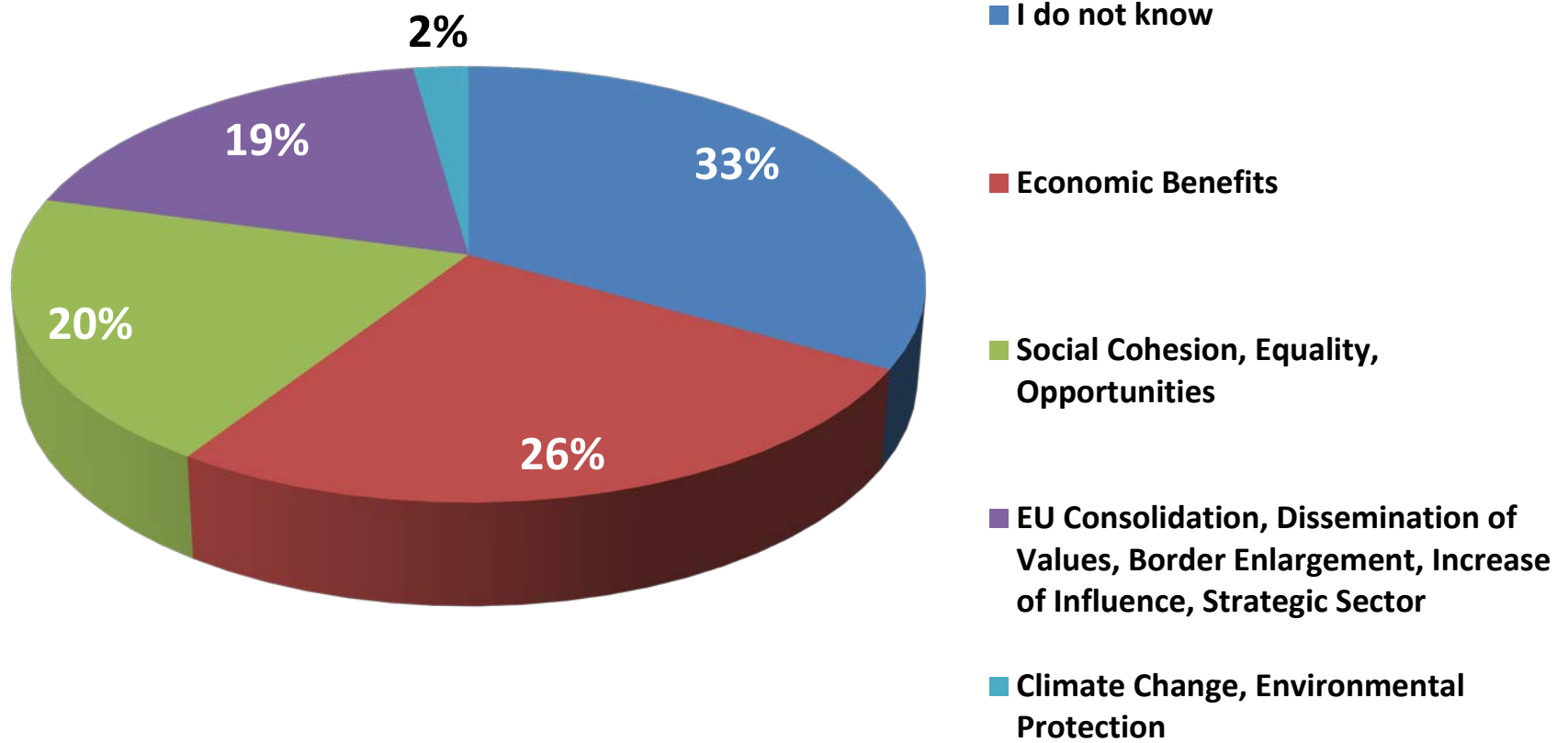
## Are these areas adequately supported by the EU?



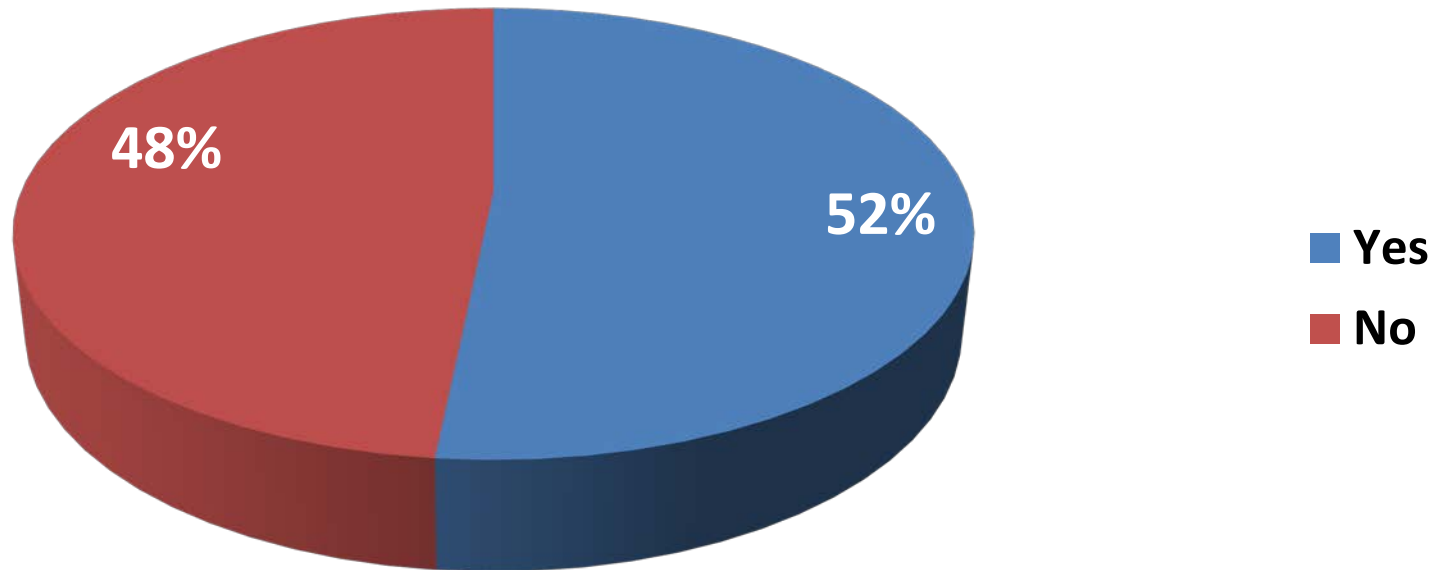
**Do you think that the EU should be the main supporter of these areas?**



## Why should EU support these areas?



**Are you aware that the following European programs Horizon 2020, Erasmus+, LIFE + and COSME, also provide support for these areas?**



# Conclusions

- Outermost European regions is a subject that is unknown to many EU citizens
- Some of them are known as tourist destination
- The strategic location and the scientific and economic value of these areas (linked with the ocean) or the great diversity of animal and plant species, which can offer great potential for research in areas such as health, bio-medicine and bio-pharmacy **is underestimated**
- Despite the small area and population (0.85% of the EU's total population and 2.5% of its land area) these areas are of utmost importance for EU as global actor.



# Next step

- Organise a seminar for students and teachers regarding the Europe's Outermost Regions
- The seminar will take place on the 11<sup>th</sup> January 2018

# Thank you for your attention

